

ABSTRACT

A damper assembly is provided having at least one damper blade that operates in a normally open position. A fusible link is connected to the damper blade to maintain the damper blade in the open position against a biasing force tending to close the damper blade.

5 The fusible link fails upon an occurrence of a predetermined condition. A damper mechanism is provided including a locking mechanism linked to the damper blade that resists opening of the damper blade when the blade has closed due to failure of the fusible link.

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